

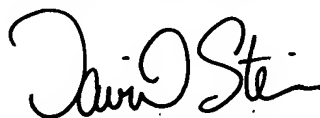
Preliminary Amendment  
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**Remarks**

Entry of new claims 8-20 is respectfully requested. With the addition of these new claims, claims 1 – 20 are believed pending in the present application.

A check in the amount of \$84 is enclosed for the addition of one independent claim beyond the three normally allotted for a large entity. No other fees are believed to be payable with this communication. However, should the Examiner consider any other fees to be payable in conjunction with this or any future communication, the Commissioner is authorized to direct payment of such fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1170.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David D. Stein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" and last name "Stein" clearly distinguishable.

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